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Ceremony to honor 127th Infantry soldiers

Three soldiers of the Appleton-based 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry will receive Purple Heart medals Friday [Sept. 8], 2 p.m. at the Appleton National Guard armory, 2801 W. Second St., for wounds received while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. A fourth soldier will also be honored for his service.

The soldiers mobilized in June 2005 and after several weeks of mobilization training, deployed to Kuwait in August 2005 where they escorted civilian and military convoys throughout Iraq. The unit completed their mission and returned to the U.S. last month.

Receiving Purple Heart medals are:

Sgt. Luke Luther, Green Bay, and Spc. Andrew Neumeyer, Neenah, who were wounded by an improvised explosive device on Jan. 31; and

Spc. Rueben Macias, Menasha, who was wounded by an IED on March 9.

Spc. Eric Neumeyer, Neenah, will receive the Army Commendation Medal for the duties he performed as a gun truck driver.

Medals will be presented by Brig. Gen. Kerry Denson, deputy adjutant general and commander of the Wisconsin Army National Guard — himself a Purple Heart recipient from a combat tour as helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

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